



John Richard Gerrard

November 7, 1955 - February 17, 2010

John Gerrard, 54, of Durant entered this life on November 7, 1955 born to Richard and Peggy (Bender) Gerrard and passed from this life on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at his home. John attended and graduated from high school in Ankeny, Iowa and continued his education, receiving his Bachelor's degree and working as a Registered Nurse. John proudly served his country in the United States Navy serving from 1974 to 1977 then serving in the United States Navy Reserve until his Honorable Discharge in 1980. John later proudly served in the United States Army Reserve from 1992 until his Honorable Discharge in 1996. John married Tonya McWhorter on March 31, 1985 in Southlake Tahoe, CA and they were blessed with 2 children. John and his family moved to Bryan County in 1997 from Bakersfield, CA. John will be greatly missed by all who knew and dearly love him.

John is survived by his wife, Tonya Gerrard of home; children, Spencer and Kelsey Gerrard both of the home; mother and stepfather, Peggy and Charles Miller of LaCrescent, MN; father and stepmother, Richard and Linda Gerrard of Des Moines, IA; sisters and brothers in law, Joni and Joe Hayes and their children Ruanna, Eriah, Brittany and Autumn of LaCrescent, MN and Jan and John Zoutte and their daughter Jennifer of Altoona, IA; father and mother in law, Kenneth and Dorothy McWhorter of Durant; sister in law and brother in law, Jeanette and Jeff Weller and other relatives and host of dear and love friends.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Brown's Funeral Service and Texoma Cremation Service handled the arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Richard Gerrard*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to John's family. John and I were good friends in high school cruising around in that ol' car of his.*

Beth Harkin, also a classmate of John's From Ankeny asked me to extend her condolences to John's family.

Randy

Randy Ames - March 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tonya, Spencer, and Kelsey,
I worked with John in the ER at Trinity when he was working night shift. I am so saddened by this. Just know he loved you all very much, he spoke of you so often. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Donna Mattingly - March 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *i worked with John in the ER. he was a good man and a good nurse. deepest condolences to his family, he spoke of you often and fondly.*

mathew - March 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *a life is a long time till it is time to go home then where did it go it was good place to be now it is a lost time without john*

tom polito - March 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *tonya spencer kelsey my thoughts and prayers are with you. john was a dear man and will be deeply missed. sincerley molly ballard. in the future will you please contact me tonya 515 77o 8189*

molly ballard - March 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *To Tonya and Family,*

We were so sorry to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

From all your Friends at the Elections Office.

Abbe Shugart - March 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We think of u all.*

Cory & Regina Lee - February 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *I went to high school with John and read his obituary in today's Des Moines Register. My thoughts are with your family at this difficult time.*

Janice Yori Edmondson - February 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ We just heard about John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this trying time. God Bless you!

Sam & Cindi Gill - February 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I too was a paramedic with John. I remember how incredibly smart he was! I am saddened to hear of his passing - may God bless and comfort his family during this time. I will pray for you.

Kelly Glasgow Price - February 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I guess I've known John and his family for around 7 years, met his son Spencer at church they happen to live down the road. we became friends. Spencer became one of the best friends a guy could have. through him i met John, Tonya, and Kelsy. I guess if I were to only say one thing about John its that he always offered, was ready and willing to help out someone in need! A good man with a great family! I feel honored to have known him.

Ben Crites - February 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sending our deepest and heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Scott & Elvie

Scott D. & Elvie B. Buis - February 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I first met John and Tonya in 1985, I was John's EMT Partner on Hall Ambulance Medevac 20 in East Bakersfield. (yes the yellow smock days!!) I grew up in Nebraska so John tried in vain to get me to switch from the Nebraska Cornhuskers to the Iowa Hawkeyes! During those days I also became friends with Tonya. She would come and hang out with us between calls at our station. At the time she was pregnant with their first child. I remember how proud and excited they both were. I remember John would rub Tonya's tummy while we watched TV between calls. We even went on vacation together, John and Tonya dropped me off in Nebraska while they were on their way to Des Moines! I later became a Paramedic and credit John for the Paramedic I am today! You see, I became and still am today the John's way to be the best Paramedic I can be. I am so proud to say John was my teacher, my mentor, but most of all my friend. God bless you John and may your family be blessed with the Lord's comfort during this painful time! RIP my brother!

Kevin Maslonka - February 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Tonya and family; My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry for your great loss. I pray God will somehow give you His awesome peace in the days ahead. Love, Pamela McBroom (1st cousin of your Mom)

Pamela McBroom - February 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I am very sorry to hear of Johns passing. I had the pleasure of meeting John about 20 years ago when I worked as a Paramedic and had the opportunity to train him as a paramedic when he was rehired as a part time medic while he put himself through nursing school. It was funny because I was a new medic and here is a man with many years experience working as a medic and i'm the one doing the evaluating. Funny thing happened though we worked together for 4 shifts and in that time we had some of the most demanding of medical and trauma calls and he shined like no other. I learned so much from him in that time. When we went in for his certification meeting I felt like the student and him the evaluator. It was fun and there were not very many medics that had that kind of bedside manner and the skills to boot. He will be greatly missed and i will always have those great memories of him. Thanks John. May you rest in peace.

Michael J Lencioni - February 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I worked with Alphie on the border and enjoyed his company and correspondance immensely. I will remember and respect him forever. Rest in peace brother, your influence will live on forever.

Jimmy Hambrick - February 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. Please know that I will pray that GOD extends HIS comforting hand on each and everyone of you who loved your dear one. My sympathies to each of you

Lois Willingham - February 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Tonya, Spencer, and Kelsey. We are saddened by your loss. we pray for your Healing, and Peace,
Robert, Neoma, and Bob
Shepard

bob shepard - February 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ He was a friend for only a short time. But will be missed for a long time to come.
My thoughts are with you Gerrard Family.

Sarah - February 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Spencer,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Susie Drummonds - February 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you, and are praying for you. If you need anything we are here.

Colby & Chrissy Lee - February 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

"V

“ Tonya, Lady My Prayers are with you all, if I can do anything let me know. I will be in touch with ya'll in a couple of weeks.

Wolf

"Wolf"/ Allen Varner - February 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *My deepest condolences to his family and friends. Only had the pleasure to work on the border with John for about a week last year, but it was enough to know his heart was in the right place. He will be thought of often and be missed*

paul reithmayer - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Are thoughts are with u so very much. I love you. My heart aches with you Spencer and Kelsey. Praying that God be with u and the family.... as you continue your journey. Love you Much.. Jerry & debbie*

Jerry & Debbie Knight - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise*

Jerry Lowrey - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Amen. Words fail me. A great loss for all of us. Bless you all.*

Brian

Brian Minnick - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Alphie Omega
We never even met yet I looked forward to hearing from you always. You have a special place in my heart my friend. God Bless you and your family.*

Jerry Dietzel - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *John Richard Gerrard*

Bobby Harris - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *John, you were one of the best men that I ever had the honor of knowing and calling friend.*

You had a heart bigger than most and you were a healer and defender of We the People, in the highest order.

May you now rest in the arms of the Father and know that your legacy and your love of Freedom will live on through every person who loved you, called you friend and was touched by you.

Your light will be forever missed.

Do Not Weep

Mary Frye

Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep.

Do not stand at my grave and cry.

I am not there, I did not die!

Cordi Howell - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ John was a good man as few others have been. A true patriot and a good friend. I will miss him more than I can tell. Tanya my heart goes out to you and the kids. If there is anything I can do for you you need only ask.

Lee

Troy Lee Williams - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Gerrard family,
My most sincere appologies for your loss. I was on his Alphie Omega email list and, although I had only ever read his emails, never met or conversed with him, I knew he was an incredibly intelligent and insightful man. He had a lot to offer this world and I applaud the efforts he made to edcuate and better every one of us. Smoke and prayers sent for a good man.

With respect,

Dylan Fletcher of Fletcher Knives.

Fletcher Knives - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ He was my friend.

Chris Eichenlaub - February 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM